LAWRENCE J. GILL, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK



Lawrence J. Gill who succeeds him- public office. Hundreds of friends in Lawrence J. Gill who succeeds himself as assistant city clerk under
Stephen F. Boucher occupied the
same post for two years under E. T.
Buckingham. It was with a great
deal of pleasure that the friends of
Mr. Gill heard the announcement of
the City Clerk yesterday. Mr. Gill is
very popular with a large number of
people because of his courteous treatment of all he has come in contact
with during the time that he has held

public office. Hundreds of friends in
the Nith district who know him best
are particularly loyal to him.

Before becoming assistant city clerk
Mr. Gill was a city sheriff and prior
to that time he was clerk of the board
of assessors for a number of general mr. Gill will receive his
friends at the City Hall tomorrow
morning and extend to them New
Year's felicitations.

MONEY SOUGHT FOR

BRIDGE APPROACHES

TOWED INTO PORT

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Dec. 31—It is believed in shipping circles here today that the Southern Pacific Line passenger steam-

er Excelsior is in tow of the Clyde Liner Comanche and will arrive in

The wireless dld not say whether or

CAUSES SMALL LOSS

Fire apparently of incendiary origin caused damage of \$200 in the rear of a saloon at 336 Pine street, owned by John Timok, at 8 o'clock last night.

The flames backe out in a closet where socking utensils are stored, and they worked into the rafters before the fire-

men had them under control.

Two hours later a fire in the apartments of A. Koseminsky at 166 Pembroke street, the second floor of a three story house, dumaged the building and contents about \$200. The structure is covered by insurance.

PRESIDENT FALLIERES NOT ILL. Paris, Dec. 31.—The reports that M. Fallieres, president of France, is ill and that a specialist had been

called in are given denial by the fact that he is hunting with friends at Rambouillet.

Samuel French, one of the largest publishers and play brokers of New York and London, presented Robert M.

York and London, presented Robert M. Sperry of this city, as a Christmus gift the bound plays of Clyde Fitch, Arthur Wing Pinero, Henry Arthur Jones, Ri-fiard Harding Davis, Alfred Sutro, Sidney Grundy and other retowned authors. Samuel French has purchased the publishing right to Mr. Sperry's "Cross Lots", which he will issue in book form.

"CROSS LOTS" PURCHASED.

PUBLISHER'S RIGHTS TO

INCENDIARY FIRE

POLICE BOARD CONGRATULATES

ONLY FOUR CIGARS MISSING IN LOT TAKEN IN RAID ON IM-

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The aldermanic street committee, at its meeting of the present board of Police Commissioners, regarding the report that the policement had appropriated cigars and drinks which had been seized in a raid on the Imperial Club Dec. 5, that there were lower from Grand street put four cigars taken and they were "harded out" and the "jug" was still be built in the next few years probt four cigars taken and they were anded out" and the "jug" was still police headquarters. No action is taken upon the report of the mat-

was taken upon the report of the matter.

Commissioner George E. Hill reported that James P. Kelly, watchmars at Vincent Bros. coal yard, who is not a voter and wanted to be a special patrolman, had been sworn in by him President Hill said that he had an opinion from the city attorney that a man might be a special patrolman even if he is not a voter.

After a few routine matters had been settled a mutual congratulation society was formed. President Hill thanked the other members of the board for their co-operation with him in the work of the department. Commissioner James J. Hurley moved that he and Commissioner Kershaw extend a rising vote of thanks to the retiring commissioners. Hill and Judge Thomas C. Coughlin. After this Commissioner Coughlin said a few kind words, and the meeting adjourned sine die. Cigars were passed.

The appointment of Edward Kiley to the special police force was not discussed. Commissioner Hurley couldn't see his way clear to vote for Mr. Kiley and to make the last meeting of the common Council. Mr. J. Jordan of the firm of Miller and Jordan appeared in favor of the discontinuance of Laurel avenue, northerly of Wade street. His firm has laid out a large plot of land, with lots running in an opposite direction. Henry Setzer who owns hand north of the Miller & Jordan property opposed the discontinuance. M. J. Jordan made Mr. Setzer a proposition whereby Mr. Setzer a proposition whereby Mr. Setzer would have rights in a proposed layout of Jackson avenue, if he would give up his opposition to the mouth of the would want some time to consider the proposition. The committee postponed action upon the matter pending a set-liement of the question.

DISARIFD STEAMED

see his way clear to vote for Mr. Kiley and to make the last meeting of the board a pleasant one the subject was not referred to. Mr. Kiley will be on deck at the first meeting of the new

No Funds for Field Work of City Engineer

The aldermnic ways and means com request City Engineer McKenna for 425 be used in carrying out the field w k of his department. Auditor Keating informed the committee that the money is not available at present. The matter was referred to for \$425 be used in carrying out the field war of his department. Auditor Keating informed the committee that the money is not available at present. The matter was referred to him to report later when funds are in hand.

New York in a day or two.

A wireless message was received at the offices of the Clyde line last night from Captain Watson of the Commanche, stating that he had come across the Excelsior, broken down and drifting helplessly. 40 miles north of the Diamond Shoals Lightship, off Cape Hatteras.

HOURS AT P. O.

Carriers will make one delivery leaving office at 8 a. m. Stamp and General Delivery windows open from 8 a. m. to 12 m. and 6 to 8 p. m. Carriers delivery window open from 6 to 8 p. m. Money order and registry windows open from 8 a. m. to 12 m. Money order and registry windows open from 8 a. m. to 12 m. The wireless did not say whether or not the Commanche was standing by the Excelsior, but shipping men believe Watson has passed a line to the disabled vessel and is trying to bring her into port.

No further messages have been received here today.

'A little foot in a dainty slipper is possible if you dust your feet with Cyrus' Ease for Feet. This powder prevents chafing, stops sweating and makes your feet feel comfortable; only 25c at

Fairfield Av., Cor. Courtland.

FIRE BOARD ASKS \$100,000 EXTRA FOR COMING YEAR

Extraordinarily Heavy Budget Laid Out Last Evining.

The fire commission held its final meeting last night and passed upon the budget for the fiscal year of 1909-10. The total requisition is for \$267,-625, or about \$100,000 more than was allowed last year. The request last year was for \$198,050 of which the tax board allowed \$169,850.

Some of the things the additional money is asked for is to pay the firemen the \$23,000 salary increase voted them by the common council; \$20,000 to install a new manual fire alarm system; \$1,000 to add to \$1,500 appropriated last year for engine house site in Ninth district; \$12,000 to erect engine house in Ninth district; \$6,500 for automobile hose wagon to be lo-cated at No. 4 engine house pending erection of a house in the Ninth district when the automobile wagon could be placed there; \$8,000 to erect a store in John street for the storage of hay, feed and grain. The commissioners believe that a great deal of money could be saved if the department could buy all of its feed at once and make its own de-liveries to the various engine houses

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

High Mass Sung at Church of Nativity-Rev. H. A. Davenport Preaches at First M. E. Church.

Watch Night services will be held

tat 1:15 a. m.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Calian was held this morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Andres. 158 Frank street at 8.30 and from St. Patrick's church BRIDGE APPROACHES

ITS MEMBERS

Real Estate. Owners Disagree Over Proposed Disagree Over Pr

10 RUE ST. Cecile. Paris LEADING MILLINERS

THE STORE WILL BE OPEN THIS EVENING UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK

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F. BE. EDEREDON de CED.

FOUR FIREMEN ON TRIAL; ONE GETS WALKING PAPERS

TWO OTHERS ARE FINED—TRIAL OF FOURTH IS POSTPONED.

Several Transfers of Men Are Effected to Locate Them in Fire Houses Nearer Their Own Homes.

al service will begin at 9:30. From 10:30 until 11 o'clock thetime will be spent in sociability and refreshments will be served. At 11 o'clock the closing service will open when Rev. Henry A Davenport will preach and the pastor, George M. Brown will onduct the final service of the year. Everybody will be welcome.

A high mass will be sung by Trinity choir, under the leadership of James Baker, at the Church of the Nativity. North Bridgeport, beginning at midnight Friday, Dec. 31st. A special car will be waiting at the trining at 1:15 a. m. missing about 30 alarms during the past alarms during the past alarms during the past alarms during the past and a great deal of his work brings him to the department's shop in Middle street. Fireman J. Miller of No. 2 Engine company was transferred to No. 1 Chemical Co. to fill the vacancy made by the transfer of Fireman Chambers. Sharpe was transferred to No. 4 Engine company which is nearer to his nearer to his home in Grand street. The dismissed member is the carpenter for the Conments of the commissioners for the commissio

member is the carpenter for the Conuecticut Breweries Co. and his work
takes him to every part of the city
to work about the saloons the company is interested in and many times
he has been out of the hearing of
the tower bells.

William Fick, member of No. 2
Truck Co. was fined two weeks pay
for being absent without leave. Fick
walked into the chemical engine
house on December 16 and informed
the chief that he was sick and was
going home. The chief told him that
his company was short handed and to
send for the department physician
and if he said he was sick enough to
go home he would be excused. Fick
said he was going home anyway and
the chief told him that if he absented himself without leave he needn't
come back until he had seen the
commissioners. Last night Fireman
Fick appeared before the commissioners and said that he was so sick that

to Chambers and that the latter turned his back and did not answer; that he informed Chambers that he had spoken to him and that the latter had answered, "I don't have to answer you unless I want to."

Last night before the commission-ers Chambers said that he had his back to the chief and did not hear when he spoke the first time.

The case of Callman J. C. Sullivan
of No. S Engine company charged
with missing alarms of fire was deferred until the next meeting of the board and his case will probably be the first to come before the new commissioners.

The resignation of C. F. Greene of No. 8 Engine company was received and accepted. Hoseman Aaron Hughes of No. 5 Engine company was at the First Methodist church, tonight. The early evening will be
speft in social greetings. A devotional service will begin at 9:30. From
10:30 until 11 o'clock thetime will be
past year. Fireman Sharpe has been
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New Year's Reception

At the club rooms of Bridgeport Chapter, K, of C., tomorrow a New Year's reception will be held from 1 o'clock until michight. Music will be played by the K, of C, orchestra and lunch w'll be served. Arrangements have been made for the undertaking on a horad scale. on a broad scale.

The chapter embraces members of all five local councils of the Knights

all five local councils of the Knights of Columbus, and several hundred visitors are expected. The house committee is in charge of the reception. Its membres are City Engineer Maurice F. McKenna. Attorney Henry E. Shannon. E. F. McGovern, M. D., Frank O'Brien and A. C. Bowen.

Tonight the board of governors of the chapter will hold a meeting.

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Satin Striped Serge, 40 inches wide, in Taupe, Raisin, Navy, two shadest Olive, Brown, Wine and Black, 85c a yard.

Satin Striped Prunella, 40 inches wide, in Taupe, Reseda, Hunter's Green, Navy and Black, \$1.00 a yard.

50 inch All-Wool Broadcloths, in full line of new colorings, including Black; actual value \$1.25, price \$1.00 a yard.

40-inch Lutina Finished Satin Prunella, in Smoke, Serge, Peacock, Myrtie Navy and Black; will not spot with water, \$1.00 a yard.

50 and 54-inch Worsted Suiting, in plain and fancy stripes, all the new colorings, such as Beaver, Mulberry, Reseda, Wood Green, Brown, Navy, and Black, excellent fabrics for tailored costumes, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard.

Satin Prunella, 48 inches wide, Navy, Cadet, Reseda, Raisin, Smoke, Olive and Black, Excellent wearing quality, \$1.50 a yard.

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Women's Flannelette Gowns in extra sizes, \$1.00, \$1.25 each.
Women's White Flannelette Gowns, \$1.00 each.
Women's Flannelette Skirts 25c, 50c, 59c, \$1.00 each.
Women's Jersey Knit Skirts, fleece lined, 59c each.
Women's Jersey Knit Skirts, all wool, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 each.
Women's Jersey Knit Corset Covers, with sleeves, 25c each.
Jersey Knit Covers, with long sleeves, 50c each.
Jersey Knit Covers, with long sleeves, all wool, 75c.

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Pop' Lyons Has Rung

Down Last Curtain

Stage Manager in Local
Playhouses for Quarter
of Century Dies Toady.

James H. Lyons, one of the best known theatrical stage managers in the country, for quarter of a century connected with the local theatres in that capacity, and an accomplished decorative painter, died at his home, after a short illness. While intestinal obstruction was the direct cause of death, lead poisoning is besileved to have brought on his illness. This he contracted while painting. Mr. Lyons' death followed closely upon that of his mother, who died at his home three months ago.

"Pop" Lyons, as he was best known in the theatrical profession, was generally regarded as among the most proficient practical stage carpenters. A native of Bergen, N. J., he came to Bridgeport with his parents at an early age, and as a youth became a painter. He soon acquired the skillful stake of the decorator.

size and skilled the skillful stroke of the decorator.

His practical knowledge of carpentry and his skill with the paint brush made him an invaluable man about the stage, and he became stage manthe stage, and he became stage manthe stage. the stage, and he became stage manager at Bunnell's Park City Theatre,
now Poli's Theatre, over a score of
years ago. When the Hawes interests
acquired both the local playhouses, he
took charge of the stages of both theatres, and later when E. C. Smith took
over the legitimate theatre, he chose
that playhouse and remained there
continuously under changing managements.

He received many flattering offers

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